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TO AMEMBASSY SUVA

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SUBJECT: PORT CONGESTION SURCHARGE - NOUMEA,

NEW CALEDONIA

1. FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION (FMC) REPORTS THAT FOREST LINE , AN INDEPENDENT CARRIER IN THE TRADE BETWEEN US ATLANTIC AND GULF PORTS AND PORTS IN AUSTRALIA AND SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS, HAS ASSESSED A 20 PERCENT PORT CONGESTION SURCHARGE ON CARGO DISCHARGED AT NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA.

2.. IN ORDER THAT FMC CAN EVALUATE PROPRIETY OF THIS SURCHARGE, FMC REQUESTS ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY SUVA CAN OBTAIN REGARDING PRESENT PORT CONDITIONS AT NOUMEA. FMC ALSO REQUESTS COMMENTS FROM RESPONSIBLE PORT OFFICIALS CONCERNING ANY IMPROVEMENTS WHICH MIGHT ALLEVIATE CONGESTION IN THE NEAR TERM OR FUTURE. FMC WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING PORT CONGESTION SURCHARGES ASSESSED BY CARRIERS SERVING NOUMEA FROM OTHER THAN UNITED STATES PORTS.

3. FMC AND DEPT. AWARE OF DIFFICULTY EMBASSY SUVA LIKELY TO ENCOUNTER IN OBTAINING ABOVE INFORMATION BUT WOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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APPRECIATE CABLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH ANY INFORMATION ON

HAND AND WILL AWAIT FOLLOW-UP CABLE WHEN EMBASSY ABLE TO
ACQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION. INGERSOLL

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